PROCEEDINGS

—: OF THE :—

Ontario Provincial Grange

HELD IN THE

CITY OF TORONTO

—: ON :—

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,

February 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1885.

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FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO, Feb. 25th, 1885.

Wednesday Morning Session opened at 10 o'clock, a.m.

Worthy Master, Bro. Alexander Servos, presiding.

On the roll of officers being called, the following responded :—

Master..... BRO. ALEX. SERVOS.
Overseer..... " R. CURRIE.
Secretary..... " A. GIFFORD.
Lecturer..... " D. KENNEDY.
Treasurer..... " R. WILKIE.
Chaplain..... " D. WRIGHT.
Gatekeeper..... " J. P. PALMER.

Lady Officers.

Pomona.....SISTER MRS. S. A. NELLES.
Flora..... " MRS. C. MOFFAT.

Executive Committee.

BROS. R. MCMORDIE and THOS. S. MCLEOD.

In the absence of the regular officers, the following were appointed *pro tem.* by the Worthy Master :—

Steward.....BRO. GEORGE HOOD.
Assistant Steward..... " J. C. SHEPLEY.
Ceres.....SISTER MRS. G. LETHBRIDGE.
L. A. Steward..... " MRS. I. MCCLURE.

The officers having taken their places, the Grange was opened in due form.

Moved by J. C. Shepley, seconded by Thomas Reazin,—That the Minutes as printed and distributed to the Division and Subordinate Granges be accepted and adopted as the record of the last meeting of this Grange.—*Carried.*

The Worthy Master appointed Bros. Daniel Wright, Thos. Reazin and W. H. White a Committee to examine and report upon Delegates' Credentials.

The Worthy Master read the following address :—

MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the Patrons and Delegates of the Ontario Provincial Grange:

SISTERS AND BROTHERS ASSEMBLED,—We welcome you heartily to this our fourth annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Grange as from every point of the compass, united in one bond of fraternity and citizens of Ontario all, you come to forward the interest of

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of earth, and especially of this Province. We come to legislate, not for an empire or province, but for that great democracy Agriculture, which, from the earliest period up to the present, has been the sole occupation of the true freeman and of earth's noblemen.

I think it well to recall the fact that the year just passed was the centennial anniversary of the settlement of Ontario, and, consequently, the centennary of the birth of agriculture in the same. As a Province it has risen wholly on its merits as an agricultural country, and we cannot do better than pay a passing tribute to those sturdy pioneers who laid the foundation of the farm-wealth which we at present enjoy; who hewed out their homes from the primæval forest with that true courage that always incites a backwoodsman—and in this particular case a patriot; and who planted in the new world the free constitution of a Briton, and did much to develop a country the destiny of which, without doubt, is the brightest in the world.

Commenced on a sure and lasting foundation, let us ever do honour to these early benefactors of our land, and watch with eternal vigilance its inward course that it varies not from the right line. And who can better guard its interests than those agriculturists here assembled? Is it not our bounden duty to look well after the welfare of our Province, not only in matters pertaining to agriculture, but in all those things which concern the general good?

Although the last harvest was very abundant, the price of produce has ruled lower than for some time back, yet I think the farmer has little of which to complain.

The most casual observer must have noticed the great increase in the number of

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kept on the farms, and the improved class of the animals. Probably the present depression in the price of grain will show to the farmer that instead of shipping his grain abroad, as heretofore, it is better to find a home market for his coarse grain, and thus by feeding it up on the farm increase its production.

In passing along many of the country roads in the older-settled parts of the Province many improvements are noticeable in the homes of the farmers, both in the form of new buildings and in the greater show of tidiness and general thrift, which shows the investment of more capital in agriculture.

According to the reports of the Ontario Bureau of Industries, the increase in the value of farm property in the year 1883 over that of 1882 was about fifty millions of dollars ($50,000,000), which would seem scarcely credible did it not come from so reliable a source. As farmers we should congratulate ourselves on the efficiency of the Bureau of Industries by the compiled statistics of which we can reduce the agricultural resources of the Province to a system of debit and credit.

IMPROVEMENT IN THE HOME AND FARM

is a good omen of the future, and we must accept the axiom, "The nation's strength is in the homes of the people." Farmers' institutes have been, and are being, held in different parts of the Province. From the nature of the discussions taking place at these meetings we must note a marked amount of intelligence brought to bear on the subjects under discussion by the farmers assembled. This shows the great tendency of the age to grasp information; and as farmers we must congratulate ourselves that in this Province we are able to keep pace with the onward march of improvement in agriculture.

Regarding the present agitation in towns and cities concerning the exemption of certain persons and properties from taxation, I think it of little concern to us, there being very little exempted property in rural districts; a new and more vexatious form of taxation has sprung up from an unexpected quarter recently, viz.,

MONOPOLY ON BOOKS USED IN COMMON SCHOOLS;

and I think some move ought to be made to relieve us of this heavy and unjust burden. Would it not be well to urge upon the Ontario Government the necessity of throwing open the right to publish standard books to all publishers, and thus invite competition?

The discriminating in passage and freight rates of railways is a subject of deep interest to all. I cannot too strongly urge upon you the necessity of taking some action in this matter. I think it would be well to memorialize the Government, urging legislation towards equalizing tariffs charged by railway companies. It is a great injustice to the producer that our loca rates for freight should be so much higher in proportion than through rates of freight.

As the subject of the reduction of municipal representation will come before you it will be well to give the matter your earnest consideration; being a subject of great interest to you, I would have you dwell on one particular point, viz., would not the reduction of municipal representation have a tendency to reduce individual opinion? and by doing so we should lose one of the safeguards of free government.

Co-operation, as regards associated capital, is accepted, at the present age, as a monopoly; but in our Order the case is reversed, for those

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are an associated capital of the Order for the breaking down of monopoly in the different branches of commerce. Our crowning effort in this line has been the organization of the People's Salt Co. We cannot too heartily thank those Patrons for the concern they have shown for its welfare, proving to the commercial world that the Grange can manufacture co-operatively as well as buy co-operatively. I think our success in salt should

spur us on to make a more determined break in other monopolies that at present oppress us. As long as we are true to our noble Order, to the business interests of our honourable calling, and to ourselves, our progress must be onward. Co-operation may be classed under two heads—immediate co-operation and universal co-operation; or, in our case, I will call the latter extended co-operation. In immediate co-operation we have accomplished much with a small capital; I hope we shall accomplish more in the near future. In the case of extended co-operation, it is my desire to bring before your notice the advantages of co-operation with those co-operative societies of the Mother Country. It being the wish of those societies to purchase direct from the producer, why could we not form an alliance with them, and supply them with our staple products of the soil, thus extending the idea of co-operation in the most direct manner to the Old Country consumer, for the mutual benefit of both producer and consumer? We would like to hear more fully from our worthy Secretary, who has given the subject much attention when visiting the Old Country.

Some steps have been taken in the matter of colonization. It has been proposed that we, the "Ontario Provincial Grange," lend our aid in colonizing some of the townships north of Lake Huron. The Ontario Government have (we think) made a fair offer, on condition that we settle those townships with young Patrons of Husbandry. It might be well to keep those young men, inclined to emigrate to other parts, within our own Province, and by so doing increase our cultivated area, adding to the natural wealth of this Province. All matter in our possession relating to the above will be laid before you for consideration.

Women in politics (I beg your pardon, ladies I should say) is a subject that has not yet been brought within the scope of active politics. I think we may give it some consideration, as it will soon come before the country, and seeing so many ladies present, and finding their names attached to former Grange reports, I do not see how we can treat the subject other than in its proper light. Gentlemen, remember if you discuss this subject here, you will find ladies able to advocate their own views. Almost all the political questions that will come before you in the future will be essentially moral; would it not be well to have the aid of the ladies to help us to determine these points in government?

A spirit still and bright,
With something of an angel light.

Much important work will be brought before you at this session by the several committees, and I trust you will employ your usual prudence, wisdom and zeal in your deliberations.

In conclusion, let me remind you that we must be zealous in the discharge of the duties that we owe to ourselves, our neighbours and our country. Let us be consistent with our obligations as Patrons of Husbandry, extending to each the right hand of brotherly love and friendship, and liberally disseminating the seeds of intelligence, that they may bring forth an abundant harvest.

ALEX. SERVOS,
Master Ontario Prov. Grange.

February 25th, 1885.

Moved by H. Glendenning, seconded by J. C. Shepley,—That the Master's address be received and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. —*Carried.*

Bro. Thos. S. McLeod submitted the Report of Executive Committee, as follows:—

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Worthy Master and Members of the Ontario Provincial Grange:

Your Executive Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

We regret to learn, from information received from the Secretary, that we cannot, as has hitherto been customary, congratulate you upon either increasing membership or interest in Grange matters, as you will be sorry to learn from his report that there has been a considerable falling-off in the number of reports from Division Granges at the close of the past year, and while that may not prove a decrease in membership, it certainly indicates by the want of punctuality an absence of that interest on the part of Division or Subordinate Granges which should characterize a healthy state of existence, and we would suggest that this Provincial Grange should take such steps as may be deemed advisable to incite increased interest and punctuality in the matter of forwarding reports.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Legislation of last year, your committee presented to the Dominion and Provincial Governments the various suggestions intrusted to them together with the entire report of the said Legislative Committee. Your committee much regret the action of the Provincial Legislature in regard to the matter of the Torrens system of land transfer in making it permissive only in the County of York and City of Toronto, instead of compulsory throughout the Province, and would recommend that this Provincial Grange should appoint a committee to wait upon the Government to persuade them to extend the benefits thereof to the whole Province, and also to urge upon them, in compliance with the wish of a large majority of the people, that the County Councils should be very considerably reduced in number as we believe the benefits derived from said institutions, as at present constituted, to be by no means in proportion to the expense of maintaining them, and would strongly advise the adoption of some measure which would tend to lessen it.

Your committee would also impress upon the Grange the advisability of waiting upon the Minister of Education with a view to securing an alteration in the present system of School Readers and to remind that gentleman that his course in this matter has by no means been in accordance with the promises made by him to the Provincial Grange of last year, and which is creating a considerable amount of dissatisfaction throughout the Province.

The Hon. Mr. Mowat, in answer to the request from your Secretary, that copies of the Statutes of Ontario should be forwarded to each Subordinate Grange, stated that as the same request might be preferred by other organizations he did not think that an exception could be made in our favour, but expressed his willingness personally to support such a motion in cases where Granges were in possession of a library. Your Secretary issued circulars to the different Subordinate Granges under his jurisdiction and received answers from sixteen, showing that the interest in the matter was by no means what it ought to be.

With regard to the proposed Grange settlement of wild lands on the north shore of Lake Huron, it appears that the Government refuse to give us any special advantages with regard to freedom from timber limits, as

will be seen by reference to the letter from the Honourable Commissioner for Crown Lands, which has been forwarded to every Subordinate Grange. As you will notice, your committee could take no action with regard to making any selection of lands, even if such should be considered advisable under the circumstances, on account of lack of funds in the Provincial Treasury, a fact which we hope our brethren will bear in mind during the present session, and, in accordance with the recommendation contained in the circular issued by the Secretary calling the meeting of the Provincial Grange, will only bring forward views so matured that lengthy discussion and a protracted sitting will be avoided.

We also trust that our Committee on Mileage and Per Diem will remember and govern themselves accordingly.

Your committee regret to state that owing to the Board of Arts and Agriculture changing the day for the Grange Excursion to the Provincial Exhibition and owing to the fact of the extreme eastern situation of the city where the Exhibition was held, said excursion did not result favourably.

Negotiations were entered into with the Northern Transportation Company with a view to arranging for an excursion from Collingwood to the Grange Salt Works at Kincardine, but, owing to the high charge and lateness of the season, it was deemed advisable to defer action in the matter; but we would recommend that steps be taken this ensuing summer to secure favourable terms with the different railway companies in order that a gigantic excursion may be organized so that every Grange may be enabled to visit such a standing monument of triumph over monopoly as we hope the Ontario People's Salt Manufacturing Company will become, and we would take this opportunity to congratulate the Provincial Directors upon the successful accomplishment of so great a work.

Your committee view with extreme regret the course at present pursued by the two papers calling themselves *Grange Bulletins* in publishing attacks upon the office-bearers in the various institutions created by the Grange, before said charges have been made to, and decided upon by, the Directors and shareholders of the different companies interested, and would suggest the propriety of the establishment of an independent Grange organ directly controlled by a committee appointed by the Provincial or Dominion Grange who would exercise a judicious and impartial supervision over the matter presented for publication in order that any thing calculated to injure the Society might be excluded, as we believe almost irreparable harm has been done by the present action of the papers referred to. We would also suggest that the editors of said papers carry their grievances to a court of law to obtain a settlement thereof, instead of taking up the time of the Provincial Grange therewith, as the Grange legislation of the two previous years seems to have been unsuccessful in establishing a conclusive settlement of these matters. While such a recommendation may seem inconsistent in the face of our *Declaration of Principles* which says we will endeavour to avoid litigation, we can see no other course under the circumstances.

Your committee are glad to learn that the business of the Dominion Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Association has largely increased during the past year, while the losses have been but trifling in comparison with the amount insured, a fact which speaks well for the management, and also for the character of the parties insured—we regret that a number of our brethren still hold aloof from an institution which has proved itself to be one of the safest and best insurance associations in Canada.

We are also pleased to understand that there is a prospect of substantial aid being rendered to the Grange Trust Company by the co-operative societies of Great Britain, whereby assistance may be rendered to those in want of cheap money.

We would also recommend patrons to take advantage of the facilities for the disposal of grain, and farm produce generally, offered by the Grange Wholesale Supply Company, many patrons who have tried the experiment reporting very favourably of the result. We would also ask our patrons to support that institution more liberally by taking stock, as we are of opinion that the business could be carried on to better advantage with a larger capital.

Your committee would also strongly urge upon this Provincial Grange the necessity of the Delegates to Dominion Grange being instructed to support any motion that may be brought forward to reduce that body to a small committee, as we believe all that has been accomplished by it since the establishment of Provincial Granges could have been as satisfactorily done by a small Executive Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS S. MCLEOD,
ROBERT MCMORDIE.

Moved by Bro. R. Wilkie, seconded by Bro. George Lethbridge,—That the Report of the Executive Committe just read be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.—*Carried.*

Moved by Bro. J. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Ewen Cameron,—That the Committee appointed to strike Standing Committees be instructed to name a Committee on Ways and Means.—*Carried.*

The Secretary submitted his Report as follows :—

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Master and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange :

PATRONS,—Once again we meet in annual convention and it becomes my duty to submit for your consideration the following statement of work and results for the past year.

In doing so I regret to have to report a decided falling off in the active membership as shown by a comparison of Report No. 4, 1883, to Dominion Grange with that for the last quarter of 1884 ; the former covered dues for about 20,000 members while the former only covers about 12,500.

Though I do not consider the foregoing a true showing of the present membership, yet it proves that there is a degree of apathy existing in the order and work, which it is necessary this Grange should devise means to overcome. In previous reports it has been suggested that some basis of compromise should be agreed upon between the Provincial and Dominion Granges upon which Subordinate Granges in arrears could be reinstated, the necessity for this is every year becoming more imperative and should not be longer deferred.

The number of Granges in arrears has considerably increased during the year. At the close of 1883 there were two hundred and fifty-two in arrears for the closing quarter of that year, this number is now increased to three hundred and twenty without counting the Subordinates connected with Divisions supposed to be defunct.

Ten Subordinate Granges have reported direct to the Provincial during the year. One of these is in arrears for three quarters and two for the last quarter of the year. Three of those have been organized during the year, and all except one appear to be in a healthy condition. By reference to the financial statement it will be seen that the dues paid by Subordinate Granges to the Provincial are in excess of last year, while those from Divisions have fallen off, a fact that would indicate the benefits of direct connection between the Subordinate and Provincial Granges.

Of Division Granges, Oxford No. 22, Wellington No. 30 and Hastings No. 42 have ceased to work and should be required to surrender their Charters. Leeds and Grenville also appear to be in the same condition, having made no report for three years. West Lambton No. 5, Lucknow No. 7, Orangeville No. 16, Glengarry No. 50 and West Middlesex No. 17, have made no report for a year, but the latter has sent a sum supposed to be sufficient to pay dues up to close of the year, and which I would suggest be accepted. North Perth No. 40 has made no report for two years. Grey No 2 has made but two reports, and Prince Edward No. 41 but two for the year. London No. 1, South Simcoe No. 4, Wentworth No. 26, Norfolk No 28, Union No. 28 and Lanark No 33 have made three reports during the year.

To those Division Granges over one year in arrears, I would suggest a visit be paid by the Worthy Master of the Provincial Grange, with a view of resuscitating them; but if this is found impracticable then to visit each Subordinate in the Division and secure their cohesion to the Provincial, as there is little doubt that by neglect of this many good Subordinate Granges have been lost, owing to their feeling that with the dissolution of their Divisions their connection with the Order was severed.

Many secretaries have fallen into the habit of retaining their reports until near the close of the year when they send them in three and four together, making it much more difficult to check them and keep the Division accounts. I presume the reason is traceable in most cases to tardiness on the part of the Subordinate Granges, still I would urge that reports be sent in at the time set even though there be but one Subordinate entered theron.

A difficulty at present exists respecting payment of *Capitation Tax* for newly initiated members; some send it and others do not. The constitution is not by any means as clear as it might be on this point, but the "Duties of Officers" require that dues shall be paid for all who are members at the close of the quarter, and I have kept the accounts on that basis though I do not think it is altogether a just one.

An agitation has been started by a few interested parties for the conversion of Subordinate Granges into Farmers' Clubs, and some have been lead to think that all the advantages to be derived from the Grange can be secured through the Farmer's Club. To such allow me to say there is just as much difference between the two as the dog in the fable found there was between his meat and its shadow. In the Grange we now have a thorough organization through which, if properly supported, the farmers can make their influence felt; and now more than ever before is it necessary that we, the farmers, should be organized if we would repel the monopolies that are being so rapidly formed in every branch of business to dictate terms to us who have to provide the financial resources upon which they all depend—even the labourers we employ understand this better than we, and through their *unions* dictate to us and say to the

government "you shall not assist labourers to this country to increase competition in the labour market" thus compelling the farmers, who contribute so large a share of the taxes of the country, to pay whatever wages they may demand. Without doubt tea and sugar can be purchased through a farmer's club, and to the farmer whose sole object in this world is *tea* and *sugar*, I would say join one, while the Grange lasts you will probably be able, through its aid, in fighting monopolies to get them cheaper than you otherwise would, just as the whole country is now getting the benefit of our work in destroying the salt monopoly. But once destroy the Grange and you will find, as those who are urging you to leave it, very well know, that your cheap goods have departed forever, and they can and will charge you as they please having as before only individuals to deal with.

Since our last meeting much has occured within our gates to create a feeling in the minds of many members that our worst enemies are they of our own household, and certainly if the Grange fails to accomplish its purpose it will be owing more to the want of harmony among ourselves than to the opposition of our avowed enemies, and I would suggest that an effort be made at this meeting to stay those elements of strife that are saping the very foundations of our Order, and will if allowed to continue soon lay it in ruins. Confidence in all our institutions must be established. In this matter the Grange expects every member to do his duty.

In addition to the many combinations we have had to meet in the past, we are now to have another. Quite recently the implement manufacturers and their agents held a meeting in this city to fix a scale of prices which should not only bind the manufacturers but the agents also, thus preventing the farmer by any possibility obtaining a concession from such figures as they may decide upon, and which are certain to be *amply remunerative.* Surely of all men our implement manufacturers should be content with their gains, but if they are not, we have secured a salt block, and we can build an *implement factory* as well.

The object of the Grange in the future, as in the past, can only be secured by united action, and whatever we may have in view, be it fire insurance, mutual aid society, furnishing supplies, manufacturing, or securing legislation in the farmers' interest, we *must pull together.* By no other way can we succeed but by this; and exercising a wise supervision over our various enterprises we cannot fail, and our Order will accomplish the object of its founders, viz., "To elevate the farmer."

Fraternally submitted,

A. Gifford.

Note.—Since our last meeting a number of the Granges reported in arrears have completed their reports for the year. A. G.

Moved by J. C. Shepley, seconded by Geo. Hood,—That the Secretary's Report be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.—*Carried.*

The Worthy Master named Bros. H. Glendenning, J. Robinson, S. A. Nelles, L. VanCamp and R. McMordie, a Committee to strike Standing Committees.

Moved by Bro. H. Glazebrook, seconded by Bro. J. Robinson,—That the Committee to strike Standing Committees be required to name a Committee on the establishment of an official Grange organ.—*Carried.*

Bro. Glazebrook, in absence of other business, addressed the Grange for a short time on the desirability of having an independent Grange organ under control of the Order. A general discussion of the subject followed.

To facilitate the appointment of Standing Committees, Bro. W. H. White submitted a verbal report of Committee on Credentials.

Moved by Bro. R. Wilkie, seconded by Bro. E. Cameron,—That we suspend business until 2 o'clock p.m.—*Carried.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Grange resumed business, Worthy Master in the chair.

Bro. W. H. White submitted Report of Committee on Credentials, showing the following named delegates as present and entitled to sit and vote in this Grange :—

GREY DIVISION, No. 2.....	Hugh Reid and wife.....	Annan.
	R. J. Doyle and wife.....	Owen Sound.
NIAGARA DIST. DIVISON No. 3.	S. A. Nelles and wife	Grimsby.
	Alex. Servos.....	Niagara.
N. SIMCOE DIVISION No. 4.	Jas. Allan.....	Churchill.
HAMILTON " " 6.	Wm. Clements.....	Milton.
LUCKNOW " " 7.	P. McKenzie.....	Lucknow.
	John Kippen.....	Tiverton.
YORK " " 9.	D. McMurchy.....	Purpleville.
PEEL " " 10.	Eli Crawford	Brampton.
KENT " " 11.	R. Wilkie and wife	Blenheim.
	W. H. White	Chatham.
N. MIDDLESEX " " 12.	William Brock.....	Adelaide.
DURHAM " " 14.	L. VanCamp and wife.....	Bowmanville.
	J. E. Gould	Oshawa.
	Hugh Davidson.....	Peterboro'.
E. LAMBTON " " 15.	Archibald Lindsay.....	Alvinston.
ORANGEVILLE " " 16.	W. Clark	Caledon.
	Geo. Island	Orangeville.
W. MIDDLESEX " " 17.	Geo. Lethbridge and wife....	Strathburn.
ELGIN " " 18.	J. Robinson.....	Middlemarch.
	Ewen Cameron.....	Port Stanley.
N. SIMCOE " " 20.	Thos. S. McLeod and wife..	Dalston.
	Richard Rix.....	Orillia.
BELMORE " " 21.	P. Heppinstall and wife	Fordwich.
	Henry Smith.....	Gorrie.
BEVER VALLEY " " 23.	D. J. Hunter	Loree.
	D. Wright.....	Banks.
	S. Goodfellow and wife	Duncan.
PR. ALBERT " " 24.	Samuel Smillie.....	Hensal.

Ontario Division	No. 25.	E. H. Hilborn and wife	Uxbridge.
		H. Glendenning	Manilla.
		G. B. Miller	Uxbridge.
Wentworth "	" 26.	D. Patterson and wife	Copetown.
Huron "	" 27.	R. Currie	Wingham.
		Geo. Hood	Sunshine.
Norfolk "	" 28.	E. M. Crysler and wife	Lyndock.
Waterloo "	" 29.	Wm. Wallace	N. Dumfries.
N. Bruce "	" 32.	S. Ballachy	Paisley.
		Issac McClure and wife	Williscroft.
Haldimand "	" 33.	J. Lindsay	Nanticoke.
Rose Valley "	" 35.	W. Eyres	Cannington.
		J. S. Cruess	Lynden Valley.
Essex "	" 36.	J. C. Shepley	Kingsville.
		E. Nash	Leamington.
W. Simcoe "	" 37.	Thos. Porter and wife	Banda.
		Thos. Reazin and wife	Cashtown.
Union "	" 38.	Geo. Ellington	Erin.
S. Grey "	" 43.	C. Moffat and wife	Edge Hill.
Dundas "	" 48.	Eli Murkley and wife	N. Williamsburg.
Lanark "	" 53.	J. H. Frazer	Perth.
		Jos. Lyle	Smith Falls.

We certify the above to be a correct list of the delegates producing proper certificates and entitled to representation at Ontario Provincial Grange, at its session during 1885.

(Signed) W. H. White, Thos. Reazin, Daniel Wright, } Committee on Delegation.

February 25th, 1885.

Moved by R. Currie, seconded by J. C. Shepley,—That the Report of the Committee on Credentials, as now read, be received, adopted and entered upon the Minutes.—*Carried.*

Bro. H. Glendenning read Report No. 1 of Committee appointed to strike Standing Committees as follows :—

Toronto, July 25th, 1885.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange :

We, your Committee, appointed to strike the Standing Committees of Provincial Grange, beg leave to report as follows :—

Press Committee.

Bros. R. Wilkie.
" J. Robinson.
" S. Ballachey.
" W. H. White.

Ways and Means Committee.

Bros. E. Cameron.
" T. S. McLeod.
" R. Currie.
" W. Brock.
" W. Wallace.

Committee on Official Organ.

Bros. J. E. Gould.
" G. B. Miller.
" E. Crawford.
" J. C. Shepley.
" E. M. Crysler.
" S. Ballachey.

Committee on Education.

Bros. D. Wright.
" S. A. Nelles.
" S. Smillie.
" W. Clements.
" G. B. Miller.

Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Bros. Wm. Eyres.
" D. J. Hunter.
" Jas. Allan.
" Thos. Porter.
" D. Patterson.
" H. Reid.

Com. on Constitution and By-Laws.

Bros. E. H. Hilborn.
" T. S. McLeod.
" E. Cameron.
" Chas. Moffat.
" Eli Merkley.
" T. Reazin.

Committee on Insurance.

Bros. R. J. Doyle.
" Jas. Lyle.
" S. A. Nelles.
" W. Brock.

Committee on Temperance.

Bro. J. Lindsay.
Sisters R. J. Doyle.
" E. H. Hilborn.
" D. Patterson.
" G. Lethbridge.
" T. S. McLeod.
" S. Goodfellow.
" P. Heppinstall.

Committee on Legislation.

Bros. H. Glendenning.
" J. Robinson.
" L. VanCamp.
" R. J. Doyle.
" John Ramsay.

Committee on Good of the Order.

Bros. E. H. Hilborn.
" Archi. Lindsay.
" D. McMurchy.
" Geo. Lethbridge.
" S. Goodfellow.

Committee on Officers' Reports.

Bros. P. Heppinstall.
" J. Cruess.
" Wm. Clark.
" E. Nash.
" H. Davidson.

Committee on Agriculture.

Bros. Geo. Hood.
" G. Ellington.
" J. H. Frazer.
" J. Kippen.
" R. Rix.

Com. on Railways and Monopolies.

Bros. W. H. White.
" H. Reid.
" J. Robinson.
" D. Patterson.
" J. Lindsay.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

Bros. R. Wilkie.
" H. Glendenning.
" I. McClure.
" A. Gifford.
" A. Servos.

Committee on House and Home.

Bro. A. Servos.
Sisters S. A. Nelles.
" E. Merkley.
" I. McClure.
" T. Porter.
" T. Reazin.
Sisters R. Wilkie.
" L. VanCamp.
" C. Moffat.
" H. Smith.
" E. M. Crysler.
" H. Reid.

(Signed) HY. GLENDENNING,
Chairman.

Moved and Seconded,—That the Report of the Committee appointed to name Standing Comittees be received, adopted and entered upon the Minutes.—*Carried.*

By request of the Overseer, Bro. E. H. Hilborn gave some explanations relative to the latest edition of the Ritual.

The Secretary read papers in connection with appeal made to this Grange by Bro. R. Ballantine against the decisions of his Grange in the matter of certain charges against a member therein.

Moved by S. Goodfellow, seconded by John H. Frazer,—That the appeal from R. Ballantine to Provincial Grange be referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.—*Carried.*

Bro. Geo. Hood read suggestion from Huron Division, No. 27, which, on motion, was ordered to be referred to its appropriate committee.

The Secretary submitted application received from Granges in Renfrew County, hitherto connected with Lanark Division, asking for a Charter to establish a new Division Grange.

Moved by Geo. Hood, seconded by Chas. Moffat,—That the application from Granges in Renfrew asking to be constituted a Division Grange be referred to the appropriate committee.—*Carried.*

Moved by Bro. L. VanCamp, seconded by Bro. W. Eryes,—That the Grange suspend business and remove to the lower hall.—*Carried.*

Grange resumed business in the lower hall.

Moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by J. Robinson,—That all papers going before Committees shall be first read to this Grange, and shall be sent to the proper Committee with or without motion, except otherwise ordered.—*Carried.*

The delegates proceeded to hand in suggestions made by their respective Granges, which were read and distributed to the proper committees by the Worthy Master.

Moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by C. Moffat,—That the Master name a Committee to confer with the Minister of Education relative to educational matters, and to make such enquiries as they deem necessary, and to arrange, if they think desirable, a meeting of the Minister of Education and this Grange.—*Carried.*

On motion work was suspended until 9 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

Morning Session.

Thursday, February 26th, 1885.

Grange resumed business at 9.15 a.m.—Worthy Master in the chair.

The Secretary read yesterday's proceedings.

Moved by Bro. J. C. Shepley, seconded by Bro. Eli Crawford,—That the Minutes as read be received and adopted as the record for the day. —*Carried.*

Moved by Bro. J. Robinson, seconded by Bro. I. McClure,—That during the Address of the Minister of Education the members of the press or any other person may be admitted to the Hall.—*Carried.*

The Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means asked to have railway expenses of delegates handed in.

The Secretary read a communication from London Division Grange which was ordered to be handed to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

A number of suggestions from Division Granges were presented by members and referred to the proper committees.

The Minister of Education having arrived was introduced by Bros. Brock, Doyle and Glendenning, and proceeded with his address respecting the Bill on Education now before the Legislature.

A number of questions were asked and anwered as far as ministerial etiquette would permit.

Moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by H. Glendenning,—That the thanks of this Grange are due and hereby tendered to the Honourable the Minister of Education for his able address and lucid explanations of proposed amendments to the educational laws of the Province.—*Carried.*

Moved by Thos. S. McLeod, seconded by R. McMordie,—That the members of this Provincial Grange desire to express their heartfelt sympathy with Bros. Robinson and Brock in the severe bereavements which have befallen them in the loss of their partners for life. A loss for which we know that words of condolence afford but poor consolation at such a time. We cannot help assuring our brethren that we feel deeply for them and would commend them to the care of the Great Master of the Universe who doeth all things wisely and well, and who has promised help and consolation to all who come to him.—*Carried.*

Moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by P. McKenzie,—That the Secretary, Overseer and Bro. W. Clements be a committee to wait on the managers of the railways to secure reduced return fares to those paying full fares on 25th February.—*Carried.*

On motion made and seconded, the Grange suspended business until 2 o'clock p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

2 o'clock.

Grange resumed business—Worthy Master presiding.

Bro. G. B. Miller submitted report of Committee on the Establishment of an Official Organ, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AN OFFICIAL ORGAN.

We acknowledge the very great importance of having a Grange Organ thoroughly independent of all sectional or personal interests devoted to and supported by all the institutions that are run in the interest or receiving the support of our patrons, also (their printing and advertising) *such a paper* should and would be successful if conducted by a live patron—his management subject to the approval of this, or the Dominion Grange.

But your committee are at a loss to find a plan that would be feasible to recommend to bring about so desirable an object. Your committee would suggest that the matter be left to the consideration of the Executive Committee to devise some feasible plan that may in the future be acted upon.

Your committee would impress on every patron the importance of taking one or more Grange papers—it is the only way to become live patrons. Some will ask, "Why not give a better support to our present papers?" We acknowledge and commend much that is useful in them, but they more or less represent sectional or personal interest and many of our good patrons feel that the personal matters are injurious to our Order.

Your Committee feel that an amalgamation of all the present papers would add considerable to the success of the object proposed.

All of which your Committee respectfully beg leave to submit.

(Signed) G. B. Miller,
J. E. Gould,
J. C. Shepley,
E. M. Crysler,
S. Ballachey,
E. Crawford.

Moved and seconded,—That the Report of Committee on Official Organ be received, adopted and entered upon the Minutes.—*Carried.*

Bro. Geo. Hood read Report of Committee on Agriculture, as follows :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

We your Committee on Agriculture beg to lay before you our Report, which is of necessity crude and incomplete.

Agriculture is the science of tilling the soil for the production of food for the sustenance of man and beast; and though it is nearly 6,000 years of age it is doubtful if it has yet attained maturity. We have connected therewith many illustrious examples, from Adam downwards, and deem it a noble and health-preserving calling—the latter of vital importance for success, in this as well as other callings; and would therefore recommend that our brother farmers should spare their energies by very much curtailing their usual hours of labour, use their judgment, and wisely plan that all their labours may be systematic, thereby securing for themselves, their children and dependents not only time for recreation but for contemplation of the works of nature, and be led from nature's works to nature's God.

We are happy to note much improvement in the method of farming, and would recommend still better tilling of the soil and more attention to the rotation of crops. We would recommend the continuance of raising a better class of animals of all kinds by those who have already begun, and the commencement of raising such by those who have not yet engaged therein, and use all the coarser grains upon the farm, and thus sell less in bulk and more on hoof.

We would recommend that more attention be paid to the growth of roots, thereby cleaning the land of various weeds; and, in order to secure a good crop of roots, we would recommend the erection of a building for the protection of the manure, which might be styled the Farmers' Safety Bank, and which requires no charter for the security of depositors.

We recommend that the Agricultural and Arts Association hold their Annual Exhibition on the 22nd September, instead of the 7th, as they propose, because the latter date practically excludes the presence of agriculturists.

We know that the farmer has not held that position in society to which he is justly entitled, but has been looked down upon and plucked at by all classes of the community. As a remedy, we would urge the farmer to look up, bestir himself, and feel that he is "the bone and sinew" *(note, with intelligence added)* of the Dominion, and act accordingly; in short, as a cure for this, we would strongly recommend unanimity of counsel and co-operation in action.

(Signed) Geo. Hood,
John H. Frazer,
Richard Rix,
Geo. Ellerton.

Moved by Geo. Hood, seconded by Richard Rix,—That the Report of the Committee on Agriculture be received, adopted and engrossed upon the Minutes.—*Carried.*

Moved by Bro. Cameron, seconded by Bro. Crysler, in amendment,—That the Report on Agriculture be not adopted, but be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to amend by striking out the words "looked down upon."—*Lost.*

Sister Mrs. S. A. Nelles read Report of Committee on House and Home:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOUSE AND HOME.

To Ontario Provincial Grange:

"Home" is one of the sweetest and most touching of all words in the English language. There is something in home that gives dignity to life. The man who can say, *my* home, and *my* family, possesses the strongest influence that can operate on character.

How sweet it is in the hours of home retirement, when the husband or father has thrown all care aside to taste the exquisite delight of having his own fireside. There is beauty all around, when there is love at home, and the great feature in the home is the wife or mother; for what a deep, everlasting impression will not a mother's influence make either for good or evil upon the tender hearts of the little ones. And, seeing that the mother is the great ruling spirit in the family, how careful husbands ought to be over this "pearl of great price." Very few husbands seem to realize the constant drudgery and the incessant vexations under which a wife or mother labours. Sometimes she performs household duties untiringly and uncomplainingly; but if she is of a sensitive nature she feels worried and annoyed, and sometimes breaks down under them. Some husbands are so engrossed with their farms, their fine buildings, their fine stock, their mad struggles after wealth, or their own pleasure, that they lose sight of such minor matters as home affairs, and seemingly think that if they keep their wives' purses moderately supplied they ought to be contented. How little

such husbands know of true womanhood, or their duties and obligations to their wives. Yet they would feel outraged if classed with selfish and inconsiderate husbands. A man who cannot appreciate, and in some measure reciprocate, his wife's loving sacrifices and unselfish devotion, is, in our opinion, *no man at all.* He should be more gentle, more polite, more loving, and more considerate of her than when she was only his sweetheart, for a sweetheart is still her own mistress, and holds the right to refuse his attentions, while a wife is in this regard wholly in his power, and true manhood will recognize that fact, and act accordingly. Your children will imitate you; they will grow up kind, considerate and attentive to their mothers' wants. Beautify your homes, that your wives and children may look upon them with pleasure, besides enhancing their market value. Have your buildings well painted, your gardens well arranged, your farms well fenced, and your fields kept clean. This will set off your farms to advantage, and make a wonderful difference if you want to sell them, but if not, it will add greatly to the home happiness. Have a scraper at your door, so that you can leave all the mud outside; and while you provide yourself with all the modern improvements in agricultural machinery, see that your wife has all the latest improvements to help her along in her culinary affairs. Live within your means, and make up your mind neither to borrow nor lend, for "they that go borrowing go sorrowing," and the lending of property often makes bitterness among friends. Remember that happiness is not born, but made; a home is what you like to make it, and while you are beautifying the outside of your home, look well that the inside is not as hollow as an empty nut. Beauty is a great thing, but beauty of garments, house or furniture are paltry ornaments compared with domestic love. All the elegance in the world will not make a home, but a loving, virtuous wife, with a meek and quiet spirit, and a husband that knows how to appreciate her, will make a paradise, though it were only a log cabin in the wild wood. Solomon says: "Her price is far above rubies;" "The heart of her husband doth rejoice, and safely trust in her;" "She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life." Let instructive books and good, light literature be read. Geology, as far as its principles are involved in cultivating the land; mechanical philosophy in the sundry labours of the farm is of great use; horticulture, with all its attractive stores of flowers and fruits; and physiology—all these only carry the farmer to the threshold of the great storehouse of knowledge. We may quote from the poet:—

> Home is not merely four square walls,
> Though with pictures hung and gilded;
> Home is where affection calls,
> Filled with shrines the heart hath builded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Mrs. S. A. Nelles,
" C. Moffat,
" E. Merkley,
" I. McClure,
" T. Porter,
" T. Reazin,
" R. Wilkie,
" H. Smith,
" E. M. Crysler,
" H. Reid,
" L. VanCamp.

Alex. Servos.

Moved by Geo. Hood, seconded by R. J. Doyle,—That the Report of the Committee on House and Home just read be received, adopted and entered upon the Minutes.—*Carried.*

Bro. W. H. White submitted the following Report of the Committee on Transportation:

We, your Committee on Transportation, beg leave to report as follows:

That very grave injustice seems to exist on account of the discrimination against all local freight by railway companies, but that there seems to be very great difficulty in deciding upon any feasible scheme by which such injustice can be obviated.

We would recommend that this Grange ask the Dominion Grange to petition the Dominion Government to pass the McCarthy Act, or some other, appointing a commission to regulate the rates of freight over the various railways of the Dominion, and to adjudicate as a court of justice between all parties aggrieved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) W. H. White,
D. Patterson,
John Lindsay,
Hugh Reid,
J. Robinson.

Moved and seconded,—That the Report of the Committee on Transportation be received, adopted and entered upon the minutes.—*Carried.*

Bro. Wm. Eyres submitted Report of Committee on Claims and Grievances, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the Worthy Master and Officers of the Provincial Grange:

We, your Committee on Claims and Grievances, beg leave to report on the various communications placed in our hands as follows:

1. In the case of appeal from Bro. Robert Ballantine, Grassmere Grange No. 880, your committee find that the Subordinate Grange acted in accordance with the constitution in this matter, and we would recommend that the appeal be now dismissed.

2. In regard to the application from seven Subordinate Granges in the County of Renfrew to be formed into a new Division Grange, your committee would recommend that said application be received and acted upon on said Subordinate Granges complying with the constitution relating thereto.

3. In regard to the resolution from Division Grange No. 43 relative to the Grange W. S. Co. anent the Toronto Importing Company, your Committee beg to say, that as Bro. W. N. Harris is responsible to the directors of the Grange W. S. Co. for his conduct in the management of said company, we consider it would be very injudicious for this Grange to interfere; we therefore recommend that no action be taken.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) W. Eyres,
D. J. Hunter,
D. Patterson,
A. Reid,
Thomas Porter,
James Allan.

Moved and seconded,—That the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances be received, adopted and entered upon the Minutes.—*Carried.*

The Worthy Treasurer, Bro. R. Wilkie, submitted his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange:

I beg to submit the following financial statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31st, 1884:

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1884.			
	First Quarter.		
Jan'y 1st.	To cash balance as per last audit	$1,153 25	
Feb. 18th.	" from Secretary	300 00	
	" amount paid as per cheques from Secretary	590 08	
			$2,043 33
	Second Quarter.		
June 30th.	To no receipts		
	Third Quarter.		
Sept. 30th.	To amount paid as per cheque from Secretary		140 45
	Fourth Quarter.		
Dec'r 31st.	To amount of money order from Secretary	$36 94	
" "	" amount paid as per cheque from Secretary	507 72	
" "	" amount interest on deposit in bank	2 50	
			547 16
	Total Receipts		$2,730 94

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1884.			
	First Quarter.		
Jan'y 7th.	By paid Robert McMordie, attending Ex. Committee	$17 50	
" " "	A. Gifford, " "	15 00	
" " "	R. J. Doyle, " "	10 90	
" 9th. "	A. Gifford, balance of salary for 1883	58 00	
" 12th. "	Sunter & McCarter, for receipts	1 50	
Feb'y 5th. "	L. Cheyne, fourth quarter, 1883, Dominion dues.	408 08	
" 16th. "	Sunter & McCarter, printing certificates	27 25	
" 22nd. "	Delegates to meeting of Ontario Division Grange	1,276 02	
" " "	Hill & Weir, printing auditor's statement	3 50	
" " "	W. Young, for use of Hall	28 00	
" " "	W. Young, gratuity ordered by the Grange	4 00	
" " "	Jesse Trull, attending Executive Committee	7 00	
" 25th. "	William Harkness, paper and envelopes	0 85	
Mar. 11th. "	Robert McMordie, attending Exec. Committee.	2 00	
" " "	Alex. Servos, " " "	2 00	
" " "	Thomas S. McLeod, " " "	2 00	
" " "	A. Gifford, " " "	2 00	
			$1,866 10
	Second Quarter.		
June 11th.	By paid Alex. Servos, attending Exec. Com. Meeting	$5 50	
" " "	Thos. S. McLeod, " " "	9 50	
" " "	R. Wilkie, " " "	15 30	
" " "	J. P. Bull, Dominion Grange dues	60 00	
" " "	Expense of remittance	0 30	
			90 60
	Third Quarter.		
July 10th.	By paid A. Gifford, on salary account	$100 00	
Sept. 3rd. "	Alex. Servos, attending Executive Committee	5 00	
" " "	Thos. S. McLeod, " " "	8 00	
" " "	Robert McMordie, " " "	13 60	
" " "	A. Gifford, " " "	8 85	
" 6th. "	James H. Little, Exhibition circulars	3 00	
" 13th. "	Thomas S. McLeod, expenses in Toronto	2 00	
			140 45
	Carried forward		$2,097 15

Brought forward				$2,097 15

FOURTH QUARTER.

Oct. 29th.	By paid	William Harkness, one bottle ink	$0 90	
Nov. 4th.	"	H. Glendenning, second quarter Dominion dues.	97 63	
" "	"	Alex. Sunter, printing as per account	91 25	
" "	"	R. Wilkie, salary for 1883 as Treasurer	25 00	
" "	"	R. J. Doyle, salary for 1883 as Master	25 00	
Dec. 18th.	"	H. Glendenning, third quarter Dominion dues	108 60	
" 13th.	"	I. I. Reegon, subscription to *Co-operative News*.	2 19	
" 18th.	"	A. Gifford, on account of salary	80 00	
" 26th.	"	William Harkness, envelopes for land circulars.	0 85	
" "	"	A. Gifford, for telegrams	4 53	
" 27th.	"	A. Sunter, printing 600 land circulars	3 50	
" "	"	A. Gifford, balance of salary	70 00	
" "	"	A. Gifford, postage account for 1884	41 61	
" "	"	A. Gifford, for sundries	5 86	
" 31st.	"	Balance on hand	76 87	
				633 79
		Total Expenditure		$2,730 94

Moved and seconded,—That the Treasurer's Report just read be received and laid on the table until the Auditor's Report is received and disposed of.—*Carried.*

Bro. Charles Moffat read Report of the Auditors.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS.

To the Officers and Members of the Ontario Provincial Grange:

Your Auditors, after a careful examination of the books of your Secretary and Treasurer, and having compared them with the vouchers—which we find produced in every instance—feel very much pleased in reporting that we find them both correct in every particular and do hereby append an Abstract Statement of Receipts and Expenditures.

Your Auditors would also respectfully recommend that the Treasurer's Report be printed along with the proceedings of this meeting, as was done last year, thereby saving a considerable amount in printing, and so far as your Auditors (after considerable enquiry) have been able to ascertain, has given the utmost satisfaction.

RECEIPTS.

To balance on hand as per last audit	$453 25
Dues from Secretary	1,575 19
Interest	2 50
Total	$2,730 94

EXPENDITURES.

By paid	Executive Committee Expenses	$126 65
"	Printing	130 00
"	Dues to Dominion Grange	674 31
"	Delegates' expenses for 1884	1,276 02
"	Salaries for part 1883 and 1884	358 00
"	Postage	41 61
"	Telegrams	4 53
"	Sundries	42 95
"	Balance on hand	76 87
	Total	$2,730 94

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES MOFFATT,
JOHN TOLMIE, } *Auditors.*

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Moved and seconded,—That the Auditors' Report be received and adopted, and printed along with the minutes.—*Carried.*

Moved by Bro. Geo. Hood, seconded by Bro. W. H. White,—That the Treasurer's Report be now taken from the table, adopted and ordered to be engrossed upon the minutes.—*Carried.*

Moved by Robert Currie, seconded by William Brock,—That this Grange ask Brother Reid, who is a member of the Council of the Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario, to use every effort in his power with the Council to prevent the Provincial Exhibition from being held earlier than the 22nd day of September next.—*Carried.*

Bro. P. Heppinstal read Report of Committee on Officers' Reports.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange:

The committee appointed to examine the reports of the officers of this Grange, beg leave to submit the following :

1. The Master's Report, which is properly termed by him an address, shows research and careful consideration worthy of our first officer.

Your committee do not deem it necessary to make any further comments thereon, as the suggestions regarding school books, reduction of municipal representation, and other matters referred to therein, will be presented by other committees in the regular way.

2. The Secretary's Report shows energy worthy of imitation, and if the contents were carefully read and digested by all Patrons of Husbandary it were well for our Order. With regard to the falling off in the active membership, accounted for largely by the supposed apathy existing in the Order, we would recommend that where Division Granges fail to do work, that reports be made direct to the Provincial Grange, and that they be encouraged to do so cheerfully ; but we would not recommend this course to the discouragement of Division Granges, as we have ever found the Division Grange a source of living activity in the Order, and would recommend the introduction of young people, but that the older members should not retire on their entrance, but add their experience and old time fire to make the Grange meetings interesting and stable.

We would recommend as suggested that the Division Granges in arrears for one year or over be visited by the Master of the Provincial Grange or some other influential member of the Order, with a view of stimulating to activity, or inducing the Subordinate Granges to report to the Provincial until such Division Granges are in active working order, if the funds of the Grange will permit. It is advisable that the representatives of Division Granges here in making their report of this meeting in their Subordinate and Division Granges do not forget to mention the desirability of having reports and returns made regularly.

In reference to the Grange *versus* Farmers' Clubs we fully endorse the sentiments expressed ; we *have* the *substance*, and its shadow would disappear if the substance fall, or fade. We hope the difficulties within our gates referred to will be so adjusted that no foe from within can do us harm.

3. With regard to the Executive Committee's Report it will not be necessary to make any remarks on the reference to the "Torrens System of Land Transfer" or changes in the Councils, as there are several valuable

suggestions before the Grange in regard thereto, that will be acted upon, no doubt, by appropriate committees thereon. In regard to the difficulties of school readers, after hearing the explanations of the Hon. Mr. Ross, Minister of Education, to-day, we are hoping that that difficulty will be adjusted as satisfactory as can be in the interest of all concerned, although we are of opinion it would be better to have free competition in the publication of all school books, and would recommend that the Executive Committee expunge from their report the words which appear to reflect on that gentleman. With regard to the setting aside of wild lands on the north shore we think the committee acted wisely in that matter, and would advise no present action in regard to it.

Your committee regret the jar between the two existing *Bulletins* as referred to in the Executive Committee's Report, believing that serious injury has been done to the Order thereby, and hope some plan will be adopted that will prevent a recurrence of expressions unbecoming to Patrons of Husbandry.

With regard to the recommendation for a reduction of members in the Dominion Grange the Committee on the Constitution will no doubt report thereon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PETER HEPPINSTALL,
JOHN CRUEES,
WM. CLARK,
EDWARD NASH,
HUGH DAVIDSON.

Moved and seconded,—That the report just read be received, adopted and entered upon the minutes.—*Carried.*

Moved by Hugh Reid, seconded by Geo. Lethbridge,—That the Worthy Master name a Committee to consider and report upon Salaries immediately. —*Carried.*

The Worthy Master named Bros. Hugh Reid, G. Lethbridge and Thos. Reazin a Committee on Salaries, to report immediately.

Bro. T. S. McLeod proceeded to read Report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

On motion made and seconded, the Report of Committee on Constitutions and By-laws was received and ordered to be read clause by clause.

Moved and seconded,—That the Grange take a recess until half-past seven this evening.—*Carried.*

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

7 P.M.

Grange re-assembled and proceeded to business, the Worthy Master presiding.

Moved by W. H. White, seconded by R. Currie,—That all matters before the Grange lie upon the table until the report of the Committee on Officers' Salaries is received.—*Carried.*

Bro. Thos. Reazin submitted Report of Committee on Officers' Salaries.

Moved by Thos. Reazin, seconded by Geo. Lethridge,—That the Report on Officers' Salaries just read be received and laid on the table.—*Carried.*

Moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by Hugh Reid, and resolved,—That this Provincial Grange views with alarm the certain injurious effects of Mr. O'Connor's bill now before the Legislature of Ontario for the amendment of the law relative to Mutual Fire Insurance, believing the changes proposed will operate most injuriously and even disastrously to the best interests of mutual and co-operative insurance now so popular among, and profitable to, the agriculturists of this country; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Inspector of Insurance, and all members representing rural districts in the Legislative Assembly.—*Carried.*

Bro. Daniel Wright read the following Report of the Committee on Education:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange:

The undersigned Committee on Education beg leave to report that they have given due attention to the subject entrusted to them so far as the limited time at their disposal would permit.

Your Committee are happy in being able to report that the Hon. the Minister of Education has faithfully fulfilled his promise made to the country and to the Provincial Grange at its session held in 1884, that he would at an early session of the Legislature introduce a Bill to simplify and consolidate the School Acts of the Province, that all concerned in their administration might be able to perform their duties with greater efficiency and certainty.

Your committee have been presented with the Bill now before the House for this purpose, but as the Hon. the Minister of Education has addressed the Grange in explanation of the alterations he proposes to make and the new provisions he proposes to introduce, it is thus made unnecessary for your committee to refer in any minute manner to the Bill now under the consideration of the House of Assembly.

With reference to the School Books which are about to be introduced, none of the members of your committee has had an opportunity to examine them. They are happy, however, to hear from the Minister of Education in his address to the Grange this morning, that some of the lessons in the Reading Books contain references to rural and agricultural subjects, designed to interest the pupils in the work and surroundings of the farm, showing to our youthful population that it is not necessary to abandon and forsake farm labour to attain to positions of prominence and trust; that a worthy ambition to be useful and to advance to respectability and honour may be gratified by the resident of the country—if he use the means wisely and well which are now within the reach of almost any young person desirous of improvement—as well as by the resident of cities and towns.

Your committee would express the hope, that before final arrangements are made with reference to the publication of school books, that the Minister of Education will have the support of the House in making such arrangements that will place these authorized school books in the hands of the people at a cost as low as possible consistent with a reasonable profit to those engaged in their manufacture or sale.

Your committee are pleased in being able to report that it is the intention of the Minister of Education to encourage the more frequent reading of the Old and New Testament in the Public Schools. Should this pro-

posal be faithfully carried out, your committee believe it will have a lasting and beneficial influence, as the children will thus become acquainted and made familiar with the Sacred Records. There are many parts of the Sacred Records which even a child can understand, and which are fitted to arrest and captivate his attention, and which, if learned by heart, will aid and assist him in future years in living a good and useful life. The Ten Commandments, for example, embody all that is elevated and pure in regard to the duties of life, and at the same time so simple that a child can understand them and perceive their obligations, while the various historical and narrative parts of the Sacred Scriptures are adapted to interest and instruct and serve as a foundation for the future understanding of the more important and spiritual lessons which they are designed to teach. Your committee, therefore, cannot too warmly express their thanks to the Minister and to the House in making this effort to foster and encourage a more general use of the Bible in the Public Schools.

Your committee would recommend to the attention of the Grange the importance and necessity of *thorough* instruction in the fundamental and elementary branches of English education in our Public Schools; for whether the school education of the child is to be continued through a more extended course of instruction in our High Schools and colleges, or whether he is prevented from continuing his studies beyond those of the Public School, it is alike necessary that the pupil should be *well* taught those essentials of school education which will fit him when he grows to mature years to fill his place creditably in society, or, if as his circumstances permit, he continues his studies in any of the more advanced subjects to which his tastes may incline or his circumstances may require.

Your committee highly approve of the regulations in force under the Public School Act, by which third class teachers who may feel themselves unable to command a second class certificate are privileged to be examined under certain conditions at the expiration of the term for which their certificate was originally given, as it certainly would be more conducive to his usefulness, and his influence in the School Section would be more beneficial if the teacher held his certificate as the result of an examination instead of by the *permission* or sufferance of any school officer.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

DANIEL WRIGHT, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL SMILLIE,
WM. CLEMENTS,
G. B. MILLER,
T. A. NELLES.

Committee Room, 26*th Feb.*, 1885.

Moved and seconded,—That the Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws be now considered clause by clause, as previously ordered. —*Carried.*

The Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws proceeded to submit the Report, as instructed, which, on motion made and seconded, was finally adopted, as follows :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the Ontario Provincial Grange:

Your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws beg leave to report that

they have examined the various suggestions handed in to them for consideration, as well as the various notices of motions found on page 33 of the Proceedings of Dominion Grange of last year, and would recommend the following:—

1. That Art. 1, Sec. 5, Constitution of Provincial Granges, be amended to read as follows: After the words "Subordinate Granges" the word "during" to be erased, and the word "for" substituted; also, add to the end of the same sentence the words "provided that such reports be received within the time mentioned in the Constitution."

2. Your Committee cannot recommend any reduction in the initiation fee, but consider that Division Granges should have the power to regulate the amount of payment of back dues from Granges which have been dormant, or the next highest Grange to which the Subordinate Grange should report.

3. We would recommend that the Auditors and Executive Committees of all representative Granges be chosen from the officers.

4. That, as an act of economy, your Committee would recommend that Provincial and Dominion Granges be amalgamated into one, but that no delegate from any Provincial Grange be allowed to draw from the treasury of such amalgamated Grange, for expense in attending the meetings, any greater sum than such Province pays into the treasury.

5. That all ex-members of any representative Grange shall continue to be honorary members so long as they remain in good standing, and that all Fourth Degree members in good standing who may be present at the meeting for the election of officers shall be eligible to hold office in any Grange; but that no portion of their expenses be paid from Grange funds, except in the case of the Master, Secretary, and Treasurer. None but those who are accredited delegates shall be entitled to vote in any representative Grange.

6. That Art. 1, Sec. 5, Constitution of Provincial Grange, be amended, changing the basis of representation to one delegate for twelve Reports, two delegates for fifty Reports, three delegates for one hundred Reports, and four delegates for two hundred Reports.

(Signed) E. H. Hilborn,
E. Cameron,
E. Merkley,
Chas. Moffat,
Thos. Reazin,
Thos. S. McLeod.

Moved by Bro. D. Patterson, seconded by Bro. R. McMordie,—That we now proceed with the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Officers' Salaries.—*Carried.*

Moved by Bro. E. Cameron, seconded by Bro. Geo. Hood,—That the Report of Committee on Salaries be amended so that the reduction on Secretary's salary be only $50, instead of $100.—*Carried.*

Moved by S. Goodfellow, seconded by S. A. Nelles,—That the clause recommending $20 for Master's salary be struck out.—*Lost.*

Moved and seconded,—That the Report of Committee on Salaries, as amended, be adopted and entered upon the minutes.—*Carried.*

Report of Committee on Officers' Salaries as amended:—

We recommend the following salaries to be paid: W. Master, $20; W. Secretary, $200; W. Treasurer, $25. Executive Committee to receive

$2 per day and railway fare; and auditors to receive also $2 per day and fare.

(Signed) THOS. REAZIN,
HUGH REID,
GEO. LETHBRIDGE.

Moved by Bro. Patterson, seconded by Bro. Hood,—That this Grange adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.—*Carried.*

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, Feb. 27th, 1885.

MORNING SESSION.

9-20 A.M.

Business resumed—Worthy Master presiding.

Moved by H. Reid, seconded by G. Hood,—That in the opinion of this Provincial Grange the initiation fee for becoming member of Subordinate Granges should be $2.00.—*Lost.*

Moved by S. Ballachey, seconded by W. H. White,—That a committee be immediately struck to examine the Secretary's book and ascertain the number of delegates that are to be sent to Dominion Grange.—*Carried.*

The Worthy Master named Bros. Eyres and White, and the Overseer named Bro. Currie a committee to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Moved by G. B. Miller, seconded by H. Reid,—That the Grange proceed at once to the election of officers.—*Carried.*

Bro. John Lindsay, by permission of the Grange, read Report of Committee on Temperance as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Worthy Master and Patrons of Ontario Provincial Grange:

We, your Committee on the subject of Temperance, feel that we would be doing less than our duty if we were not to urge on all good Patrons the importance of using their vote and influence to forward in all legitimate ways the Temperance Reform.

Although the Act known as the Scott Act is not all that could be desired, yet it is a step in the right direction, and we feel it our duty to strongly recommend its adoption in every county in which it is not already adopted.

Your committee are pleased to learn that there is little hope of success on the part of the anti-Scott Act Party in the pressure they are now endeavouring to bring to bear on the Government of Canada to mutilate and destroy the said Act in the interest of the Licensed Victulers.

Your committee would strongly deprecate the disposition of some farmers to entertain the false cry respecting the loss of Revenue and the destruction of the barley-growing industry, when out of the 13,000,000 bushels of barley grown in Canada only 1,000,000 found a market at home. And believing as we do that the women and children of our fair Dominion are the greatest sufferers from intemperance, and as it is a principle of our Order to acknowledge the influence of women for good, therefore we believe that on all moral questions they should have the privilege of voting.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN LINDSAY.
SISTER R. J. DOYLE,
" E. H. HILBORN,
" D. PATTERSON,
" T. S. MCLEOD,
" S. GOODFELLOW,
" P. HEPPINSTALL,
" G. LETHBRIDGE.

Moved and seconded,—That Report of Committee on Temperance just read be received, adopted and engrossed upon the Minutes.—*Carried.*

The Secretary read the minutes of yesterday's proceedings.

Moved by J. C. Sheply, seconded by Thomas Reazin,—That the minutes lie on the table until the Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws can be read therewith.—*Carried.*

The Worthy Master named Bros. G. B. Miller and Geo. Hood Scrutineers.

Moved by Bro. Geo. Hood, seconded by Bro. Samuel Smillie,—That the Fifth and Sixth Degrees be conferred upon all members eligible to receive them at this time.—*Carried.*

The Committee appointed to ascertain how many delegates this Grange is entitled to send to the Dominion Grange reported by resolution.

Moved by R. Currie, seconded by W. H. White,—That we elect ten delegates to the Dominion Grange.—*Carried.*

The Grange proceeded to the nomination and election of Officers, when the following were declared duly elected:

Master	BRO.	R. CURRIE	Wingham.
Overseer	"	THOMAS S. MCLEOD	Dalston
Secretary	"	A. GIFFORD	Meaford.
Lecturer	"	D. KENNEDY	Peterboro'.
Treasurer	"	R. WILKIE	Blenheim.
Chaplain	"	D. WRIGHT	Banks.

It being 12 o'clock it was moved and seconded,—That the Grange take a recess until 2 o'clock p.m.—*Carried.*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P.M.

Grange resumed business—Worthy Master in the chair.

The election of officers continued when the following were declared elected:

Steward	BRO.	THOMAS REAZIN	Cashtown.
A. Steward	"	WILLIAM BROCK	Adelaide.
Gatekeeper	"	J. P. PALMER	Fenelon Falls.

LADY OFFICERS.

Ceres	SISTER	MRS. C. MOFFAT	Edgehill.

The election of officers was suspended while Bro. E. Cameron, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the Ontario Provincial Grange:

Your Committee on Ways and Means beg leave to report as follows:

In view of the present financial position of this Grange, caused by the large delegation of last year, together with the unusual circumstance of paying delegates and officers not only for the days spent in session, but also for the time spent in coming from and returning to their homes, your committee would therefore recommend that, for the present session, delegates and officers be paid their actual railway expenses, which amount as nearly as we can ascertain to about the sum of $335; and also that the sum of $1 per day be allowed for each of the three days of the present session, amounting to the sum of $255, making a total of $690 as the expense of the present session.

Your committee are of opinion that the only efficient means of meeting our present financial embarrassment is, for the members and officers of this Grange on their return to their respective homes to exert themselves more energetically to increase the membership of the various Subordinate Granges to which they belong, on whose prosperity depends the success of all our superior Granges.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EWEN CAMERON,
THOMAS S. MCLEOD,
WILLIAM BROCK,
WILLIAM WALLACE.

Moved and seconded,—That the Report of the Committee on Ways and Means be now adopted and ordered entered upon the Minutes.—*Carried.*

The election of officers was continued, when the following were declared duly elected:

LADY OFFICERS.

Pomona.....	SISTER	MRS. G. LETHBRIDGE....	Strathburn.
Flora.....	"	" E. M. CRYSLER....	Delhi.
L. A. Steward.	"	" I. MCCLURE	Williscroft.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BRO. THOMAS S. MCLEOD.....	Dalston.
" CHARLES MOFFAT	Edgehill.

AUDITORS.

BRO. W. H. WHITE.....	Chatham.
" S. BALLACHEY	Paisley.

Moved by E. Cameron, seconded by W. Eyres,—That the election of delegates to the Dominion Grange be suspended until the Minutes of yesterday's session are disposed of in accordance with the resolution laying the same upon the table.—*Carried.*

The Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws having been read, it was

Moved by S. Ballachey, seconded by S. A. Nelles,—That the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings as read be now adopted and made the record for the day.—*Carried.*

Moved by Thos. Porter, seconded by Thos. Reazin,—That the delegates proposed to represent this Grange at the Dominion Grange, if not prepared to support the propositions of this Grange, do now express their dissent.—*Carried.*

The Grange proceeded to the election of delegates to Dominion Grange.

The ballot having been taken and placed in the hands of the Scrutineers, the reception of reports from committees was declared in order.

Bro. R. J. Doyle submitted the following Report of Committee on Insurance :—

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting a considerable increase in the Grange branch of the Dominion Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The increase in the number of members during the past year was 427; this branch having $6,193,372 at risk.

Your Committee have also to report that many persons having formerly insured in the General Branch have, before their policies expired, become members of our Order, and renewed their policies in the Grange Branch. This Branch (General Branch) has increased its membership from 1,184 at the close of 1883 to 1,362 at the close of 1884; the total increase in both Branches being nearly three-quarters of a million during the year. The total amount at risk in both Branches is now $7,543,716, or nearly double the amount of the next highest company of the fifty-one Mutual Companies doing business in Ontario.

Your Committee view with alarm the pressure brought, in the interests of Joint Stock Companies, to cripple the Mutual or Co-operative system of Insurance, which has proved so great a boon to the agricultural community.

Your Committee have had under consideration the resolution of Orangeville Division Grange to secure such a change in the law as to enable members to vote by proxy, and cannot see their way clear to recommend such a change at present. The Mutual Law originally permitted this, but the power became so much abused by designing men that the effect proved disastrous to some of the best companies, and the law was amended with a view of securing more stability to Mutual Companies.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

(Signed) R. J. Doyle,
S. A. Nelles,
J. B. Lyle,
W. Brock.

Moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by S. A. Nelles,—That the Report of Committee on Insurance be received, adopted and engrossed upon the Minutes.—*Carried.*

Bro. E. H. Hilborn read Report of Committee on Good of the Order :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOOD OF THE ORDER.

To Ontario Provincial Grange:

We, your Committee on the Good of the Order, beg to report:

That we have had laid before us for our consideration several suggestions and resolutions from Divisions, one bearing strongly on the necessity of having proper credentials for delegates to all representative bodies, the view of which your Committee fully endorse, and recommend that greater care be exercised in this important matter, in order that all our meetings

be truly representative. Also, two or three respecting the establishment of an official organ ; but, as the Grange has for the present disposed of this matter, your Committee do not feel called upon to more than commend it to the careful attention of all Patrons for future action.

Your Committee have also considered the suggestions relative to holding all meetings of auxiliary institutions at Toronto at the time of our annual session. These institutions are five in number, which, added to a four days' session of Provincial Grange, say a day for each of these annual meetings, would make a very prolonged stay for delegates in Toronto, and consequently feel that with no better matured plan than the one before us it would be unwise to make any recommendation at all at present in a matter of so much importance.

Your Committee have also considered the proposition to amalgamate the Provincial and Dominion Granges from a number of standpoints, and are of opinion that as an act for the good of the Order we cannot commend it too strongly, as our legislative machinery is unquestionably too extensive and costly for our income or requirements at present.

Your Committee would also commend to the favourable consideration of all Patrons everywhere the desirability of bringing the young members of our families into the fold at as early an age as they are admissible, upon the principle that as you bend the twig you incline the tree, and if we would foster onr beloved Order we must replenish it from the vineyards of life, and that at an early age.

Your Committee would also recommend to all Division Masters the propriety of endeavouring to secure an unbroken succession of meetings of the Subordinate Granges under their charge, and greater punctuality in forwarding their Reports.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

(Signed) E. H. Hilborn,
D. McMurchy,
Saml. Goodfellow,
Geo. Lethbridge,
A. Lindsay.

Moved and seconded,—That the Report as read be adopted and engrossed on the Minutes.—*Carried.*

Moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by Wm. Brock,—That all matters connected with our views on Legislation shall be printed in a circular and placed in the hands of each member of the Legislature of Ontario by the Secretary of this Grange.—*Carried*

Moved by Bro. Daniel Wright, seconded by Sister Mrs. Nelles, and resolved,—That this Grange desires to express the heartfelt sympathy of its members with Brothers and Sisters Trull, Kennedy and McLeod in their severe affliction and bereavement which they have suffered by the removal under very distressing circumstances of their children into the spiritual world, and the Grange would express the hope that our brothers and sisters and the remaining members of their families and households may be consoled and comforted with the cheerful thought and assurance that He who while on earth took little children in His arms, blessing them and saying, "of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," is "the Resurrection and the Life," and would commend the suffering families and relatives to the care and protection of Him who has said, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Moved and seconded,—That memoriam cards be obtained upon which the resolutions of condolence passed by this Grange shall be engrossed and sent to the families bereaved.—*Carried.*

The Scrutineers reported the following duly elected Delegates to the Dominion Grange, viz. : Bros. E. H. Hilborn, H. Glendenning, Thos. L. McLeod, R. Currie, W. Brock, Chas. Moffat, R. Wilkie, J. Robinson, Geo. Lethbridge, R. J. Doyle.

Moved by E. Cameron, seconded by D. Wright,—That a committee be appointed to wait upon the Minister of Education to urge the views of this Grange on the Bill under consideration by the House according to understanding.—*Carried.*

The Worthy Master named Bros. Currie, McLeod, Gifford, Wright and Robinson a committee to wait upon the Minister of Education in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

On motion made and seconded, the Grange suspended business until 7.30 this evening.

Evening Session.

7.30 P.M.

Grange re-assembled. The Worthy Master, Bro. A. Servos, presiding.

By request, Bro. E. H. Hilborn gave a history of the Salt Manufacturing Company.

Bro. H. Glendenning submitted Report of Committee on Legislation.

Moved and seconded,—That the Report of Committee on Legislation be received.—*Carried.*

Moved and seconded,—That the Report of Committee on Legislation be read and discussed, clause by clause, immediately after the close of the installation of Officers elect and the conferring of the Fifth and Sixth Degrees.—*Carried.*

By request of the Worthy Master, Bro. E. H. Hilborn administered the official obligation to the Officers elect, and they were conducted to their respective positions.

Moved and seconded,—That a vote of thanks be tendered the Master and other Officers for their services during the past year.—*Carried.*

The Worthy Master closed the Grange in the Fourth Degree and opened in the Fifth, when all present were initiated into this degree. At the close of the Fifth Degree the Sixth was conferred upon all those present entitled to receive it.

Grange re-opened in the Fourth Degree.

Moved by Bro. R. J. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. C. Moffat,—That this Grange regret to learn of the continued ill-health of Bro. J. Holmes, our Worthy Assistant-Steward, for the past year, which has compelled him to go to a foreign land, thus preventing his attendance at the present meeting, and we would hereby convey to our worthy brother the unanimous desire of this Grange, that under a kind Providence he may soon be restored to health and to his home and friends in his native land, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Bro. Holmes.—*Carried.*

Bro. H. Glendenning read Report of Committee on Legislation, clause by clause, which was finally adopted and ordered to be entered upon the Minutes as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the Provincial Grange of Ontario :

We, your Committee on Legislation, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined all the suggestions submitted to us.

In regard to the reduction of County Councils we recommend that they should be reduced upon a fair and equitable basis, and that the County Councils make no appropriation for roads other than bridges over 100 feet in length.

We recommend that the fiscal year in Township Councils should end on the 10th day of December of each year, and that one auditor should be elected each year for a term of two years, at the time of election of the council ; and the auditors' statement of receipts and expenditure, assets and liabilities, including incomplete contracts, to be placed before the electors, not later than nomination day.

Your committee recommend that we urge upon the Government the necessity of a law to compel railway companies that have amalgamated to refund to the municipalities all moneys that have been voted them as bonuses. We also approve of the Bill introduced by Mr. McCarthy for the purpose of appointing a railway commission.

Your committee regret to learn that, owing to a change being made in the Division Court Act, those persons residing close to railways suffer a gross injustice from the fact of the law being so changed that parties having stock killed or injured by railroads can get no redress from Division Courts, but are compelled to go to higher Courts for redress, which puts it out of the reach of poor people, as they, in many cases, are not able to enter and carry on law suits against such huge monopolies as now hold the various lines of railways. Your committee believe this to be class legisla tion which ought not to be tolerated.

Your committee recommend that proper supervision be instituted by the Government over private banking houses and provide that all such institutions shall be compelled to furnish ample security for the money deposited with them.

Your committee view with pleasure the Bill introduced by the Government for the trial of the Torrens Land Transfer System in the County of York and City of Toronto, and trust erelong that the system may be extended throughout the Province.

We would also recommend that there be a uniform size established for apple barrels.

We approve of the suggestion made by Bro. Ramsay, that the duty should not be taken off wheat unless it is taken off flour as well.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) H. Glendinning,
J. Robinson,
R. J. Doyle.

Grange closed in due form.

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ONTARIO PROVINCIAL GRANGE.

Office.	Name.	Post Office.
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" *Overseer*	THOS. S. McLEOD	Dalston.
" *Secretary*	A. GIFFORD	Meaford.
" *Lecturer*	D. KENNEDY	Peterboro'.
" *Treasurer*	R. WILKIE	Blenheim.
" *Chaplain*	D. WRIGHT	Banks.
" *Steward*	THOS. REAZIN	Cashtown.
" *Ass't Steward*	WM. BROCK	Adelaide.
" *Gatekeeper*	J. P. PALMER	Fenelon Falls.

Lady Officers.

Ceres	MRS. C. MOFFATT	Edge Hill.
Pomona	" G. LETHBRIDGE	Strathburn.
Flora	" E. M. CRYSLER	Delhi.
L. A. Steward	" I. McCLURE	Williscroft.

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